



Straight*talk*

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Hello!

I'd like to take a moment in this issue of Straight Talk to introduce myself. My name is Jessica Chamberlain and I'm the new director of the Northeast Library System.

A native-born Nebraskan, my family left the area when I was five years old to follow my father's job. We moved to Ohio, Wisconsin and Tennessee before I graduated from high school. I got my bachelor's degree in English and Sociology from Milligan College, a small liberal arts college in the Smoky Mountains. After college I moved back to Ohio and pursued a few different careers, including social work and substitute teaching, until I stumbled upon a job in the library. I knew I had found something special and I dropped all my other plans to pursue a career in the library world. I got my master's degree from Kent State University while working full time as a children's librarian. (I love storytime!) I became the manager of the children's department in a large library and have been working in libraries for eight years now.

I am passionate about libraries and librarians and I believe that they play a vital role in our communities. I am thrilled to be back in northeast Nebraska and to be working for "better library service through cooperation."

~Jessica Chamberlain

Northeast News

Congratulations to the libraries that made it into HAPLR's Top 10 for 2010!

- Central City Public Library
(#3 in the 2,500 population category)
- Neligh Public Library
(#6 in the 1,000 population category)
- Brunswick Public Library
(#5 in the Less than 1,000 population category)

Hennen's American Public Library Ratings are based on 15 factors and focus on circulation, staffing, materials, reference service and funding levels. For more information, or to see how your library rated, see the website at: www.haplr-index.com.



Librarians at the Summer Reading Program Workshop acted out The Pout Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen. Find "Northeast Library System" on facebook to see more pictures from the workshop!



The Columbus Public Library celebrated the opening of it's new computer lab on April 15th.



Graduates of this spring's Basic Skills class: Melissa Prohaska (Columbus Public Library), Kathy Muller (Gardner Public Library), Rhonda McDevitt (John A. Stahl Library), Nichole Lawless (Madison Public Library)

If you have an exciting event you would like to share with other Northeast Nebraska libraries, contact the Northeast Library System office and ask to have your item included in the "Northeast News" section of the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

May 19—Northeast Library System Board Meeting—Verdigre Public Library

Time: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Contact: Jessica Chamberlain, 402-564-1586

May 19—NCompass Live: Cataloging with RDA—Online

Join Emily Nimsakont, the NLC's Cataloging Librarian, to learn the basics of RDA which will replace the AACR2 this June.

Time: 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Contact: Christa Burns, 800-307-2665

June 14-15—Heartland School Library Conference—University of Nebraska, Omaha

This 2-day conference features Cassandra Barnett and Pam Berger. For more info see their website at www.heartlandslc.org.

Contact: Dr. Becky Pasco, 800-858-8648 x 2119

July 6—Nebraska Library Leadership Reunion—St. Benedicts Retreat Center, Schuyler

Former Leadership Institute participants are invited to this reunion featuring author and library director Jamie LaRue. Registration information will be coming shortly.

Time: 10:00-3:00

Contact: Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator, 800-288-6063

July 31—Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival—Northeast Community College, Norfolk

The 16th year of this festival features three of the 2011 Golden Sower Award nominee's: Deborah Hopkinson, *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek*; Heather Henson, *That Book Woman*; and Tony Varrato, *Fakie*.

Time: 9:00-4:00

Contact: Karen Drevo, 402-844-2108

September 23—NELS Annual Conference—Northeast Community College, Norfolk

More details and registration info will be coming.

Contact: Jessica Chamberlain, NELS Director, 402-564-1586

October 13—NLA/NEMA Pre-Conference Workshop—Grand Island

Warren Graham will present his program on "Black Belt Librarians." A wonderful program for all public service staff! Registration info will be coming soon.

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More details will be coming soon.

NELS Resources

Omaha Royals Tickets!

Omaha Royals vs. Tacoma Rainiers

Sunday, August 8, 2010, 6:05 p.m.

The Royals are once again giving tickets to Nebraska public libraries to give as Summer Reading Program prizes. This will be the last year the Royals play in Rosenblatt Stadium. The evening includes fireworks after the game. Contact our office to let us know how many tickets your library needs and we'll get them to you!

New at the NELS office!

- Accucut Dies
 - Crab #1 Large Die
 - Scuba Diver Large Die
 - Shark #1 Large Die
 - Tropical Mini Die
 - Wave Large Die
- Books
 - Connecting Boys with Books
 - Fiction Core Collection, 16th Ed.
 - Storytime Magic: 400 Fingerplays, Flannelboards and Other Activities
 - A Year of Programs for Teens
- 2009 Nebraska Book Festival 5-DVD set
- Wii Games
 - Medieval Games
 - Sports Resort with Motion Plus

Let us know if you would like to borrow any of these materials!

Professional Journals

Listed below are the journals that the Northeast Library System office receives. New journals are routed through the system to those who have asked to receive them. Back issues are kept at the System Office. If you wish to be added to the list to see a particular journal, please contact the system office.

- **American Libraries**
- **Grassroots Fundraising**
- **Library Journal**
- **Library Media Connection**
- **Library Sparks**
- **Public Libraries**
- **School Library Journal**
- **Smithsonian**
- **Teacher Librarian**
- **VOYA**

One Book One Nebraska Book Set

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Wright Morris, the Nebraska Center for the Book has chosen [The Home Place](#) as the One Book One Nebraska featured selection for 2010. The Northeast Library System has a book set, including books and a discussion guide, available for your library to check out. Call us if you would like to reserve this set for your library. For more information on the One Book One Nebraska program, see their website at: www.onebookonenebraska.org



Golden Sower Book Awards

2010 Primary Award

Winner: The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School by Judy Sierra; illustrated by Stephen Gammell

Honors:

Woolbur by Leslie Helakoski; illustrated by Lee Harper

Dogku by Andrew Clements; illustrated by Tim Bowers

2010 Intermediate Award

Winner: Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Honors:

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart; illustrated by Carson Ellis

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

2010 Young Adult Award

Winner: Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata

Honors:

The Rules of Survival by Nancy Werlin
Peak by Roland Smith

Nebraska's children's choice literary award, The Golden Sower Award, was chosen by a record-breaking 70,009 readers this year!



The Golden Sower Award is sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association's School Children's and Young People's Section. For more info, see their website at: www.goldensower.org

Next Year's Nominees

2010-2011 Primary Nominees

Becker, Bonny. *A Visitor for Bear*.

Crisp, Marty. *Titanicat*.

Deedy, Carmen Agra. *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: a Cuban Folktale*.

Henson, Heather. *That Book Woman*.

Hest, Amy. *The Dog Who Belonged to No One*.

Hopkinson, Deborah. *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: a Tall Thin Tale*

Laminack, Lester L. *Snow Day!*

Lies, Brian. *Bats at the Library*

Madison, Alan. *Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly*.

Urbanovic, Jackie. *Duck Soup*.

2010-2011 Intermediate Nominees

Broach, Elise. *Masterpiece*.

Hart, Alison. *Gabriel's Horses*.

Hill, Kirkpatrick. *Do not Pass Go*.

Jonell, Lynne. *Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat*.

Kehret, Peg. *Stolen Children*.

Korman, Gordon. *Swindle*.

Law, Ingrid. *Savvy*.

Lupica, Mike. *Long Shot*.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Paint the Wind*.

Sanderson, Brandon. *Alcatraz Vs. The Evil Librarians*

2010-2011 Young Adult Nominees

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Chains*.

Applegate, Katherine. *Home of the Brave*.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. *The Boy Who Dared*.

Bauer, Joan. *Peeled*.

Burg, Shana. *A Thousand Never Evers*.

Collins, Suzanne. *The Hunger Games*.

Hobbs, Will. *Go Big or Go Home*.

Supplee, Suzanne. *Artichoke's Heart*.

Varrato, Tony. *Fakie*.

Pearson, Ridley. *Steel Trap: The Challenge*.

Summer Reading Program

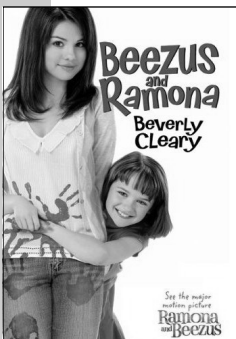
Summer Reading Program—Make a Splash this summer!



- If you weren't able to come to the Summer Reading Program Workshop, you can still take advantage of the great ideas that were presented there!
- Visit our website at northeastlibrary.wetpaint.com to download a PowerPoint presentation about the water cycle from Judy Marco. The readers' theater script about the water cycle from Enchanted Learning is available there as well.
- Contact the Northeast Library System office if you would like the handouts that Jody Crocker gave out at the workshop.

"Under the Sea" Program and Book Ideas

- Start with having the participants write their name on a fish-shaped nametag.
- Try a few of the following stories:
 - The Three Little Fish and the Big, Bad Shark by Will Grace and Ken Geist
 - The Pout Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen
 - The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
 - Swimmy by Leo Lionni
 - Bedtime Kiss for Little Fish by Lorie Ann Grover
 - The Fish Who Cried Wolf by Julia Donaldson
- Sing "The Goldfish" from the Victor Vito CD by Laurie Berkner. It's silly and fun for ages 3-6.
- Finish the program with this fun craft.
 - SpongeBob Sponge painting—Use rectangular yellow sponges, dip them in yellow tempera paint, and press the sponge gently onto a piece of paper for your basic shape. Use circle, square and rectangle pieces of sponge to add the rest of the detail of his body.



A movie based on the book Beezus and Ramona and starring Selena Gomez and Joey King is set to hit theaters this July.

Visit www.beverlycleary.com for a teacher's guide to the Ramona books, author interview, author video, interactive games and even read the entire Beezus and Ramona book online!

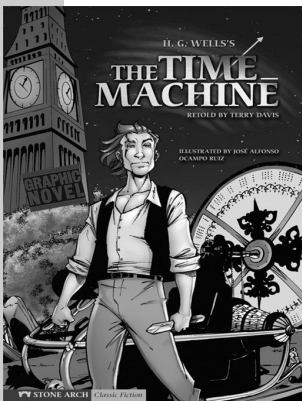
Reader's Corner

What do I read next?

Contrary to popular belief, librarians don't get to sit around and read all the time. So, how can we possibly keep up with all the great books being published, the millions of books written by certain authors, or which books go in which series? You might find some of these websites helpful in your search to answer one of the most-asked questions, "What do I read next?"

- Fiction Connection—get suggestions based on books you know you like
 - From the NebraskaAccess site
 - <http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov/resources.asp>
- Books in Print—lists of books in series and a variety of other resources
 - From the NebraskaAccess site
 - <http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov/resources.asp>
- KDL What's Next Database—search for adult fiction in series
 - <http://ww2.kdl.org/libcat/WhatsNextNEW.asp>
- Fantastic Fiction—bibliographies of over 4000 authors
 - <http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/>

What is steampunk?



A short and sweet definition is that it's a kind of science fiction set in Victorian times in which steam power is still widely used. There are often lots of invented gadgets or the invention of real technology at an earlier date. The term "steampunk" originated in the late 1980's and it's become a popular aesthetic in literature, art and music.

Author Scott Westerfeld says, "But even now, some of you possibly don't realize how *big* steampunk is. It has books and bands and games, along with a huge visual culture of jewelry shops, clothing stores, mad inventors, sculptors, and artists. Enough to fill a museum. "

Examples of steampunk:

- Works by H.G. Wells and Jules Verne
- Airborn by Kenneth Oppel
- His Dark Materials Trilogy by Philip Pullman
- The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, Vol. 1 by Alan Moore
- Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

Grants

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Back to School Library Grants

Deadline: May 21, 2010

Back to School Grants provide funding to school libraries or media centers working to implement new or expand existing literacy programs, looking to purchase new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, and/or looking to purchase materials or software for literacy programs. Applicants must be a K-12 public, private, or charter school. Applicant organizations must provide direct service within Dollar General's 35-state market area and must be located within twenty miles of a Dollar General store. The maximum grant award amount is \$5,000 per school. For more information: www.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy

Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants

Deadline: May 30, 2010

Federally-recognized tribes and Alaska Native villages and corporations may apply for grants to improve existing library services or implement new services, particularly as they relate to the goals of the Library Services and Technology Act. Grants will range in amounts of up to \$150,000 each for a grant period of up to two years. Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages are eligible to apply for the Enhancement Grant only if they have applied for a Native American Library Services Basic Grant in the same fiscal year. See the IMLS Web site for program guidelines and specific eligibility criteria. For more information: www.imls.gov

National Endowment for the Humanities Grants

Deadline: July 15, 2010

Thousands of libraries, across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture, and digital objects. Funding from this program strengthens efforts to extend the life of such materials and make their intellectual content widely accessible, often through the use of digital technology. Awards are also made to create various reference resources that facilitate use of cultural materials, from works that provide basic information quickly to tools that synthesize and codify knowledge of a subject for in-depth investigation. For more information: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HERR.html

Books for Babies Grant

Deadline: September 15, 2010

In partnership with Nordstrom, the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), will award 20 grants for \$500 each to match \$1,075 raised by selected Friends of the Library groups, women's groups, libraries and other nonprofit organizations for purchasing Books for Babies kits from ALTAFF. Books for Babies is a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. For more information: www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/products_services/booksforbabies

Freebies

Teaching Technology Freebie

Intel has put together a great kit to help you introduce students or patrons to the technology behind computers. Available online for free at:

www.educate.intel.com/en/thejourneyinside

Teaching Money and Finance Freebie

Has the state of the economy got your students or patrons asking questions? The Federal Reserve Bank of New York makes available a variety of student booklets for elementary, high school and college students. To see a list of free publications and comic books, visit:

www.newyorkfed.org/publications

Family Literacy Freebies

The Department of Education has put together some really nice publications that are helpful to both school and public libraries. Booklets on helping children learn to read, getting fathers involved and helping with age-appropriate activities are all topics covered in these free publications. Some publications are available in Spanish and some are available in English-Spanish bilingual versions. I especially recommend the "Shining Stars" series that is available for different age groups from Toddlers to Third Graders, and "Dad's Playbook" which is a newspaper-like brochure showing lots of different dads and how they read with their children. To order your free copies visit:

www.edpubs.gov

Student Loan Freebies

The office of Federal Student Aid has some great resources for anyone looking for ways to fund their college education. There is a College Preparation Checklist, Federal Student Aid at a Glance, and help with the FAFSA. To receive the publications you must sign up for Mailing List number , but you can do so via email and the information is on the home page of the website:

www.fsapubs.gov

What is RDA?

RDA is the new cataloging standard that will replace Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd edition effective June of 2010.

From www.rda-jsc.org

Advantages of using RDA

RDA moves libraries forward into the digital age by providing instructions for cataloguing digital as well as traditional resources. It builds on the strengths of AACR2, focuses on the needs of users to easily **find, identify, select** and **obtain** the materials they need, and it supports metadata sharing among different metadata communities and new uses of library records in online services.

RDA is a new standard for resource description and access designed for a digital world

- RDA focuses on the information needed to describe a resource **NOT** how to display that information.

- Users will be able to use RDA content with many encoding schema (e.g. MODS (Metadata Object Description Standard), MARC 21 or Dublin Core,). RDA is adaptable and flexible, potentially resulting in its use by other information communities as well as libraries.

RDA's structure is built on the conceptual models of FRBR and FRAD to help catalogue users find the information they need more easily

- RDA's use of FRBR entities makes it possible to design better displays in catalogues by clustering information about the same title together (e.g. translations, abridgements, different physical formats).

RDA provides a flexible framework for content description of digital resources while also serving the needs of libraries organizing traditional resources

RDA provides a better fit with emerging database technologies enabling institutions to introduce efficiencies in data capture and storage retrieval.

- RDA emphasizes 'taking what you see', thus encouraging machine-capture of metadata without extensive editing – saving cataloguers' time.

RDA builds on the strengths of AACR2

- Records created using RDA will be compatible with AACR2 records. In the vast majority of cases, cataloguers will not have to recatalogue older records.

- RDA instructions for choice and form of entry have evolved from those in AACR2. While the form of some headings will change as a result of RDA, implementation of any changes will be facilitated by increasingly sophisticated online systems.

RDA will facilitate cataloguing efficiencies

As an online, web-based tool:

- RDA rules can be customized to fit specific application profiles or particular tasks and to catalogue specific types of materials.

- RDA will improve efficiency for cataloguing unfamiliar formats – the online tool can retrieve all the rules needed for what is being catalogued.

- RDA will allow users to add their own notes online. Similarly, rule interpretations and institutional or network policies can be integrated with RDA online.

- RDA will enable integration with vendor products, thus improving cataloguers' work flow and performance.

For more info see www.rdaonline.org or participate in NLC's NCompass Live Webinar on RDA on May 19th.

Contact Christa Burns, 800-307-2665, to register.

Northeast Library System
Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2010

The Library System Board met on Wednesday, March 17, at the Schuyler Public Library. Host was director, MeMe Smith. Kate Ostenrude, President, called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Judy Hagan, Michele Hastreiter, Tami Anderson, Sharon Jones, Jolene Klein, Kathy Ageton, Sally Stahlecker, Joyce Sullivan, and Kate Ostenrude. Members absent were Lynn Manhart, Christ Chilcoat, and Elaine Tobias. Also present were new Library System Director, Jessica Chamberlain, and Shelia Cermak, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes were approved. (Ageton 1M / Hastreiter 2M / all aye). Correspondence was presented. Shelia presented the Financial Report. It was moved and approved by roll call vote (Johnson 1M / Stahlecker 2M).

There was no report from the Nebraska Library Commission.

New Northeast Library System Director, Jessica Chamberlain, was introduced. She began her duties on March 15. Shelia gave the report of System office activities and travels, including orientation for Jessica. The new Director had no report.

The Budget committee will review the status of the budget at the 6 month point. The final budget for the coming fiscal year will not be known until the end of July. There were no other committee reports.

In Unfinished Business, bylaws were discussed. It was moved and approved that the Director will be evaluated at the end of the probation period and annually thereafter (Jones 1M / Sullivan 2M / all aye). It was moved and approved that wording of 'Administrator' be changed to 'Director' in the bylaws (Hagan 1M / Sullivan 2M / all aye).

In New Business, Jessica Chamberlain was welcomed. The Board went into Executive Session. After returning to regular session, a motion was made to pay Shelia compensation time for all hours accrued over and above 30 hours per week while the administrative search was conducted (Johnson 1M / Ageton 2M / roll call – all aye).

Use of end of year funds was discussed. A motion was made and approved to accept recommendations of the System Office for use of additional end of year funds, with the exception of additional shelving to 'as needed' (Hastreiter 1M / Johnson 2M / all aye).

Members shared local library news. It was announced that author Steven Kellogg would be at the Tilden Public Library in Spring 2011.

A Pat on the Back Award was presented to Shelia Cermak for her valuable contributions to the Northeast Library System. A motion was made & approved to pay the claims of the day (Jones 1M / Hastreiter 2M / all aye). It was moved to adjourn (Jones 1M / Ageton 2M / all aye).

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Klein, Secretary